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Feeling the Fear and Saying it Anyway: Supporting Anxious Children in CCM

Date: Thursday 13th June 2023

Time: 9.30-4.15pm

Venue: Online via Zoom

For: Child Consultant Mediators

Presenter: Susan Dobson

**Cost: RS Members £60/
Non-Members £120**

CPD Category A Points: 6

Mediation is a powerful tool to ensure children's voices are heard by their parents at a time of high emotion and competing priorities, placing the child at the centre. Children become involved in the CCM process during a time of family break up, change and transition, and can experience high levels of anxiety, which can get in the way of them knowing what they would like to happen and being able to express their views.

This workshop will explore theories of change and transition, giving a context for anxious feelings and helping to identify the right timing to consult with children. We will identify ways to build a quick rapport with children and young people to enable them to engage in mediation in a supportive, beneficial way and look at how we can create space for their anxious feelings while introducing tools to help elicit their views, thoughts and feelings.

Participants will be supported to draw on their existing strengths and qualities, reinforcing existing good practice, while gaining valuable skills to support anxious children to have their voice heard. We will also explore working with children who do not want to express a view about their family situation, ensuring they feel heard and supported in their decision.

Learning Outcomes: By the end of the day participants will:

- Recognise anxiety as a natural part of the change process.
- Learn how to work with anxious feelings while supporting children and young people to know their own mind and express their views.
- Consider how best to create a rapport with young people in a limited amount of time
- Recognise the importance of supporting children who do not want to express their views

Presenter: Susan Dobson is a child protection social worker and psychotherapist with 25 years experience working with children and young people in the public and private sector. She is a person-centred therapist with a particular interest in psychological trauma, and her in private practice she specialises in working with children and adults who have experienced significant trauma. Susan is also a freelance trainer offering bespoke workshops to counsellors, therapist and other professionals. She is currently a Tutor on the COSCA Certificate in Counselling Skills with Rowan Consultancy.

HOW TO BOOK

Relationships Scotland CPD events are for practitioners who are currently working for a Service that is a Member of Relationships Scotland. Booking early is encouraged as spaces may be limited. Spaces may be open to practitioners from external organisations where appropriate and available. We use an online booking process, the link to the online booking form for each event can be found in the relevant section of this programme and in the flier for the event. The online booking form can be used by:

- Member Services to book on behalf of practitioners.
- Practitioners from Member Services who wish to self-fund.
- Practitioners from external organisations (when spaces are available).

The link to the online booking form for this event can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/ww1aXyKq8d>

If you have any questions about the booking process please contact Cassie Bremner:
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BOOKING TERMS

Booking for CPD events will be confirmed by email within 10 days of submission. Please check your inbox and/or junk mail, if you have any issues receiving this email please contact us immediately. Member Services or Self-funded practitioners will be sent an invoice for the course fee before the event, please do not make a payment until you have received this invoice as it will have a unique invoice number for the payment reference.

Cancellations within 14 days of the event and non-attendance will be charged in full. Member Services/practitioners must notify us of any cancellations by email. Where appropriate, Member Services may transfer a place to another attendee if the original person cannot attend, we must be informed of this ahead of the event taking place. If a CPD event is cancelled by Relationships Scotland (because of insufficient numbers or unforeseen circumstances) then all fees will be fully refunded. We are unable to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses, such as travel and accommodation.

In exceptional circumstances, Member Services/practitioners may request a refund of the cost of the training event or a free place at a future event. Examples of exceptional circumstances include admission to hospital at short notice, or a family bereavement. We are unable to reimburse out of pocket expenses, such as travel and accommodation. Requests for refunds or credits for future events will be considered by the Office Bearers Group (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer of the National Office). All request for refunds/free places at future events should be made in writing or by email to the CPD Manager, sonia.bruce@relationships-scotland.org.uk

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The session will be delivered using the Zoom platform. You can attend this CPD event from a private space anywhere using a compatible computer or tablet connected to the internet. You will need to download Zoom to access the session: <https://zoom.us/> Please make sure you have the most recent version of Zoom. Please note, some organisations have additional security settings that may prevent you from accessing the CPD event on an organisational device.

Please also ensure that you have the required bandwidth and internet speed. You can test whether you are able to join a Zoom meeting here: <https://zoom.us/test> Relationships Scotland are unable to provide refunds when there are issues with a participant's IT which prevent them from accessing the CPD event. Please contact the CPD Manager if you are unsure about the use of the technology sonia.bruce@relationships-scotland.org.uk

ACCESSING THE EVENT ONLINE

A link to the session will be sent out a few days before the event. Please ensure that the email address to which the link should be sent is clear in the Booking Form. It is also important that the Zoom account uses the same name that you used to register for the event. The Relationships Scotland CPD Host will use this information to admit participants into the event and to confirm attendance certificates. The username for your Zoom account can be amended by signing into Zoom and going to the profile section of your account.

